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INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION GROUP (ICG) FOR THE COOPERATIVE INVESTIGATIONS OF THE KUROSHIO (CSK), TENTH MEETING, TOKYO, 13-17 MARCH

PASS TO DR. ASHBY, NSF LIAISON STAFF

1. YOUR PARTICIPATION SUBJECT MTG HAS BEEN CLEARED WITH CZIESLA. PLS OBTAIN INFO ON AGENDA AND LOCATION OF MTG FROM EITHER JAPANESE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO OR FROM DR. KEN SUGAWARA AT SAGAMI CHEMICAL RESEARCH CENTER.

2. OBJECTIVES OF YOUR PARTICIPATION SHOULD BE PRIMARILY TO OBTAIN FROM DELEGATIONS FROM CSK COUNTRIES THEIR VIEW AS TO (L) DIRECTIONS IOC SHOULD TAKE IN OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH IN BOTH KUROSHIO CURRENT AREA ITSELF (I.E. NORTH UNCLASSIFIED

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PACIFIC) AND IN RELATED REGIONS (I.E., SOUTNEAST ASIA

WATERS); AND (2) WHAT TYPE OF ORGANIZATION SHOULD BE UTILIZED TO COORDINATE SUCH RESEARCH INTERNATIONALLY (I.E. CONTINUATION OF PRESENT CSK GROUP, MODIFICATION OR REPLACEMENT OF PRESENT CSK GROUP, ETC.).

3. YOU MAY INFORM OTHER DELEGATIONS U.S. OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH INTERESTS IN REGION INVOLVE PRIMARILY TWO PROGRAMS. THE FIRST OF THESE IS NORTH PACIFIC EXPERIMENT (NORPAX), WHICH IS MAJOR STUDY OF AIR-SEA INTERACTION PROCESSES IN NORTH PACIFIC. THIS PROJECT DISCUSSED IN IDOE REPORTS WHICH YOUR OFFICE SHOULD HAVE. MAJOR REASON FOR U.S. INTEREST IN THIS PROJECT IS AIR-SEA INTERACTION IN NORTH PACIFIC STRONGLY INFLUENCES WEATHER CONDITIONS OVER NORTH AMERICAN CONTINENT. SOME JAPANESE INTEREST IN NORPAX HAS RECENTLY BEEN EVIDENCED. WE VERY INTERESTED IN ENCOURAGING FURTHER JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IN NORPAX. ANYTHING YOU CAN DO IN THIS RESPECT WOULD BE ESPECIALLY HELPFUL (I.E. OFFER TO PROVIDE DETAILED INFO FROM U.S. SCIENTISTS, TO HAVE U.S. SCIENTISTS CONTACT INTERESTED JAPANESE SCIENTISTS DIRECTLY, ETC.).

4. SECOND MAJOR U.S. INTEREST IS IN IOC/ESCAP (CCOP)-SPONSORED STUDY OF GEOLOGY AND GEOPHYSICS IN EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA. THIS IS CONCENTRATED ON IMPROVING OUR UNDERSTANDING PROCESSES OF METALLOGENESIS AND CREATION HYDROCARBON DEPOSITS AND OUR UNDERSTANDING OF TECTONICS THIS REGION. PROGRAM WILL BE DEALT WITH PRIMARILY BY NEW IOC/CCOP JOINT WORKING GROUP WHICH EXPECTED MEET FOR FIRST TIME FALL '75 TOKYO. HOWEVER, PROGRAM MAY STILL BE DISCUSSED SOMEWHAT AT CSK MTG. IF SO, THEN PLS INFORM MTG THAT U.S. WILL MAKE DETAILED PRESENTATION AT FALL '75 MTG OF PLANS FOR U.S. SCIENTISTS AND INSTITUTIONS TO PARTICIPATE THIS PROGRAM. AGAIN, IF SOME DELEGATIONS EXPRESS SPECIFIC INTEREST, PLS OFFER PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFO BY MAIL AFTER MTG.

5. IOC NOW CONSIDERING PROPOSALS REPLACE ICG FOR CSK (AND SIMILAR ICG'S IN CARIBBEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN) BY LONG-TERM REGIONAL MARINE SCIENCE COORDINATING GROUP WHICH WOULD CONTINUE BE ASSOCIATED WITH IOC, BUT IN SOMEWHAT UNCLASSIFIED

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LESS FORMAL ARRANGEMENT. WE VERY INTERESTED FINDING OUT HOW CSK MEMBER STATES FEEL ABOUT THIS IDEA. WE HAVE ALREADY HAD INFORMAL CONTACT DIRECTLY WITH DR. SUGAWARE THIS POINT. PLS CONVEY TO HIM OUR DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HIS THOUGHTFUL RESPONSE OUR INQUIRY THIS POINT AND INFORM HIM WE ARE CONSIDERING IN DETAIL HIS REPLY TO US AND EXPECT REPLY TO HIM SHORTLY.

U.S. SCIENTISTS CLEARLY MORE INTERESTED NORTH PACIFIC OCEANOGRAPHY THAN SOUTHEAST ASIA OCEANOGRAPHY. IN FACT, ONE MAJOR REASON FOR U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM CSK GROUP WAS

SCIENTIFIC EMPHASIS IN CSK HAD SHIFTED FROM NORTH PACIFIC TO SOUTHEAST ASIA. IT IS POSSIBLE SOUTHEAST ASIAN MEMBERS OF ICG WOULD PREFER EXTEND LIFE OF PRESENT ICG, RATHER THAN REPLACE IT BY GROUP WHICH WOULD BE MORE INTERESTED NORTH PACIFIC PROBLEMS, RATHER THAN SOUTHEAST ASIA PROBLEMS. IF POSSIBLE, U.S. WOULD LIKE FIND WAY OF EN-

COURAGING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN OCEANOGRAPHY BOTH REGIONS. WE ARE DOUBTFUL THIS CAN BE DONE WITHIN CONTEXT PRESENT ICG FOR CSK. IN OUR VIEW, ICG FOR CSK SHOULD BE EVENTUALLY MODIFIED OR REPLACED IN MANNER SUGGESTED BY SECRETARY IOC (HIS PROPOSAL TO THIS EFFECT WILL BE A WORKING PAPER FOR THIS CSK MTG). HOWEVER, IF THIS PROPOSAL NOT WELL-ACCEPTED BY SOUTHEAST ASIA CSK. COUNTRIES, THEN WE WOULD CERTAINLY HOPE SOME WAY COULD BE FOUND TO ACCOMMODATE THEIR INTEREST IN SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL.

6. WE REALIZE ABOVE DESCRIPTION CANNOT BRING YOU COMPLETELY UP-TO-DATE. EMBASSY FILES, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF FORMER FISHATT, MAY PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFO. IF DR. SUGAWARE ATTENDS MTG, HE WOULD BE BEST SOURCE OF BACKGROUND INFO ON SPECIFIC POINTS. INGERSOLL

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